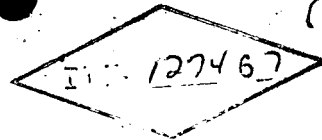


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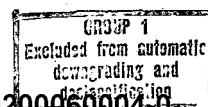
Dear 

I have received your letter of 30 March, and I am pleased that you also feel that the recent costing of Soviet land forces conducted jointly by our agencies was a successful endeavor. I share your concern for the need to re-examine other assessments of Warsaw Pact capabilities including the 1965 CIA/DIA Panel study which is now somewhat dated.

I believe your suggestion for additional joint efforts is sound in principle and that we should explore thoroughly the areas in which joint analysis might prove beneficial. My staff has been assessing various aspects of the problem to identify the areas most susceptible to major substantive improvements on the basis of source materials now available. We consider the problem of Soviet equipment levels, which you have posed, to be one of several prime candidates for further concentrated study.

At the present time we have several studies in process in support of the next NIE on the Soviet general purpose forces. Because of this, I would prefer to have any work on joint CIA/DIA studies

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postponed until after our work on the NIE is completed. In the meantime, I have asked [redacted] who heads the part of my staff responsible for research on these topics, to meet with your action officer, [redacted]. They can explore the feasibility of doing specific joint analyses in time for the 1968 NIPP as you suggest.

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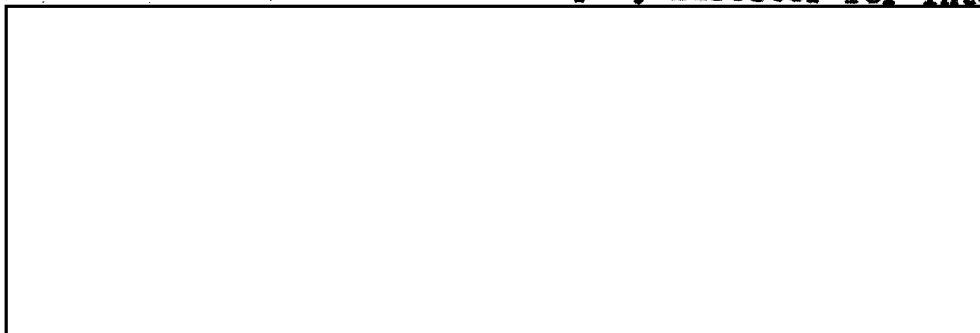
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Sincerely yours,

/s/ R. J. Smith

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